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VIA EFS-WEBCommissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450PETITION AND FEE FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 CFR 1.17, 1.136(a) AND 35 USC 41(a)

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by Two (2) months. Credit card payment in the amount of \$490.00 is submitted via EFS-WEB for the petition fee in accordance with 37 CFR 1.17 computed as:

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Respectfully submitted,



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